



Youth Ambassador Program

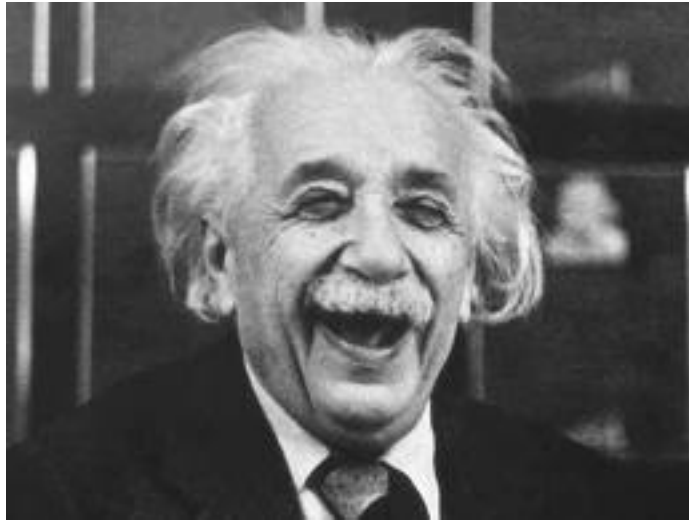
Session 8: Achieve Universal Primary Education (part 2)

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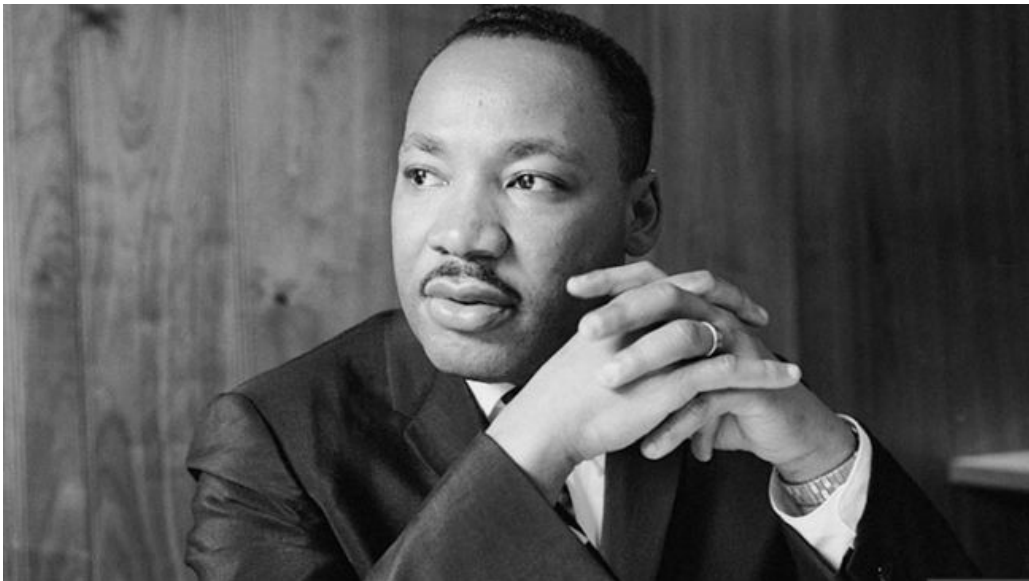
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Inspirational Quotes for the Month:



"We can't solve a problem with the same thinking that created it."

~Albert Einstein



"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~Martin Luther King Jr.

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Session Eight Overview (Purpose, Payoff, and Process)



Purpose: Our eighth session is to glimpse the future of SDG 3: **Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all.** We will meet several

inspirational mentor/heros, including Sugata Mitra, the winner of the 2013 TED Prize as he discusses school in the cloud. We will learn how to turn our F.E.A.R. to F.U.E.L. and how to get through the most challenging aspect of leadership and our hero's journey.

Payoff: Sugata Mitra will inspire us about the possibilities of education in developing areas. We will emerge stronger, and more powerful after understanding that the supreme *ordeal* aspect of our hero's journey is actually the supreme *opportunity*.

Process: This session will cover the following:

- Introduction
 - The Youth Ambassador of the Month, and primary teammates
 - Read inspirational quotes
- Inquiry into SDG 4:
 - Future (solution)
- Explanation and discussion of Hero's Journey Stage 8: The Supreme Ordeal
- Sharing leadership modality: F.E.A.R into F.U.E.L.
- Homework/Action Plan
- Resource

Inquiry into This Month's SDG:

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all.



The Future (aka the Solution)

Describe a future where inclusive and equitable quality education is available for all.

Standing in the future, report on what you imagine took place to achieve universal primary education:

- What **happened**?
- What was the **tipping point**?
- Where in the world did this solution make the **most significant** impact?
- What **role did you play** in this happening?
- What are your **personal feelings/thoughts** about being a part of this change?

SDG Hero: Sugata Mitra Founder of the Hole in the Wall Schools



Educational researcher Dr. Sugata Mitra's "Hole in the Wall" experiments have shown that, in the absence of supervision or formal teaching, children can teach themselves and each other, if they're motivated by curiosity and peer interest.

In 1999, Mitra and his colleagues dug a hole in a wall bordering an urban slum in New Delhi, installed an Internet-connected PC, and left it there (with a hidden camera filming the area). What they saw was kids from the slum playing around with the computer and in the process learning how to use it and how to go online, and then teaching each other.

The "Hole in the Wall" project demonstrates that, even in the absence of any direct input from a teacher, an environment that stimulates curiosity can cause learning through self- instruction and peer-shared knowledge. Mitra, who's now a professor of educational technology at [Newcastle University \(UK\)](#), calls it "minimally invasive education."

"My wish is to help design the future of learning by supporting children all over the world to tap into their innate sense of wonder and work together. I'm seeking help to build the School in the Cloud, a learning lab in India, where children can embark on intellectual adventures by engaging and connecting with information and mentoring online. I also invite you, wherever you are, to create your own miniature child-driven learning environments and share your discoveries."

SDG Hero: Jonathan Ellerby, PhD

Author and speaker Reverend Dr. Jonathan Ellerby is an internationally recognized expert on the topics of spiritual growth, interfaith mysticism, cross-cultural healing systems, integrative health, holistic psychology and wellbeing. A Hay House author, Jonathan has penned several books, including the two international best sellers *Inspiration Deficit Disorder* and *Return to the Sacred*. Dr. Ellerby has twenty years of experience as a spiritual counselor, holistic coach, chaplain, and ceremonial leader. A sought-after speaker, facilitator, and consultant, his clientele range from celebrities and CEOs to international companies and grassroots community groups. Dr. Ellerby's corporate clients have included Pepsico, Nissan, Kraft, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Forest Service, Correctional Services Canada, Honda, the YPO Organization, and the CEO Group, among others.



Must See Videos



➤ **Hole In the Wall School**

<http://tinyurl.com/HoleInTheWallYAP> Onstage at TED2013, educational researcher Sugata Mitra is the winner of the 2013 TED Prize. His wish: Build a School in the Cloud, where children can explore and learn from one another.

➤ **Boys of Baraka**

http://www.imdb.com/video/screenplay/vi_2710503705

Devon, Montrey, Richard, and Romesh are just at that age — 12 and 13 years old — when boys start to become men. But in their hometown of Baltimore, one of the country's most poverty-stricken cities for inner-city residents, African-American boys have a very high chance of being incarcerated or killed before they reach adulthood. The boys are offered an amazing opportunity in the form of the Baraka school, a project founded to break the cycle of violence through an innovative education program that literally removed young boys from low-performing public schools and unstable home environments. They travel with their classmates to rural Kenya in East Africa, where a teacher-student ratio of one to five, a strict disciplinary program and a comprehensive curriculum form the core of their new educational program. **The Boys of Baraka** follows along with their journey, and examines each boy's transformation during this remarkable time. It won awards at the Newport, Chicago, Woodstock and SILVERDOCS Film Festivals. It is a co- presentation with the Independent Television Service (ITVS), also produced in association with P.O.V./American Documentary.

Hero's Journey Stage 8: The Supreme Ordeal & How it relates to the Youth Ambassador Program:



You might be saying, “*When does this Hero’s Journey get fun?*” Don’t worry...the reward is right around the corner...but first...you must **F**ace, **E**mbrace, **A**ce, and **R**eplace the energy you most deeply F.E.A.R. As you do this you’ll transform this energy that drains your life force into that which enlivens, awakens, and puts a gale force beneath your wings. Even if you don’t transform that which challenges you from the black lagoon into Mary Poppins, at the very least, you will have stopped resisting it. And in so doing, you will have accepted the fact that, as an infinite being, the creature from the black lagoon is one aspect of the spectrum of the eternal being YOU are.

The good news is this process also frees up your inner resources previously bookmarked for defense spending to now be allocated more productively in the direction of your thriving.

Leadership Modality: F.E.A.R. to F.U.E.L



“Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.”

~Steve Jobs’ 2005 Stanford Commencement Speech

In the realm of dreams (the nocturnal kind...the ones we spend 1/3 of our life having) it’s believed by those who follow the philosophy of Carl Jung, that a nightmare is an unfinished dream. If you can, however, redirect your nightmare while you are dreaming in such a way that you end up exalted and empowered, then I tip my dream hat to you.

If you are unable to pull off this Olympian level of lucid dreaming, don’t fret. It’s perfectly legitimate to redirect your dream via meditation in your waking state. For example, in your meditation you can envision slaying the monster, shrinking your nemesis to the size of a pea, or pulling the plug on the person shouting at you...you get the idea.

The **FEAR formula** presupposes that our dreams come to us in the service of health and healing. In fact, Einstein said the most important question we can ever ask is, *“Is this universe friendly?”* Since, his answer was ultimately a resounding ‘Yes!’ we can apply that philosophy to life (not just dreams). If this universe is friendly, then what do we do with the ordeals (fires, floods, death, or destruction) in dreams or in waking life? The FEAR formula offers us a way to alchemize that which we fear into fuel for our awakening. Fear stands for:

Face it

Embrace it

Ace it

Replace it

Here's the breakdown:

Face it: If you find yourself running, hiding, or avoiding something you are scared of— let's call it a lion—realize that what you resist persists. Even though it seems scary (or at the very least, unpleasant)—imagine that you've re-entered your dream (or your real-life nightmare) and instead of running, you turn and face the challenging creature.

Embrace it: Breathe as you become present. Stand your ground while you get a good look at this lion. What color is it? What does it feel like? What is it doing? As counter-intuitive as this may seem, move toward it with open arms, in the spirit of knowing it has a gift for you—though admittedly in strange wrapping. Your embrace of this lion may be a literal hug, or it may be standing toe to toe as you shift from resisting toward receiving the “good intention” (i.e. the gift) this lion has for you.

Ace it: To ace it means that the hunted becomes the hunter; you get on top of it instead of it being on top of you. Your challenge is to enlarge your personal space, your consciousness so big that your nemesis is now inside the belly of the whale that is YOU. The key to “acing” it is in your willingness to go beyond your normal, rational thinking and tap into the *grace* of your higher power to show you the blessing. Often it can be about opening up via ‘Cognitive Dissonance’ to allow yourself to open big enough to embrace either/or of beauty/ugly, safe/scary, life/death, creation/destruction and become a consciousness that is so big that you can behold all of it.

Ask the questions:

- How is this a blessing to me?
- Just as the properties of snake venom can be turned into anti-venom medicine, how can this situation be turned into a blessing?
- How is it making me stronger, bigger, or better?
- How is it possible that this thing I thought would devour is the key to my power?

Replace it: If you effectively “ace” your nemesis then you, by definition, will have transformed that which terrified you into something that empowers you, and your fear is replaced by fuel to ignite your dreams.

FUEL stands for:

Fearless—When fear no longer pushes, inspiration can now pull you toward your dreams.

Unified—When you drop the tug-o-war of duality you enter a field of exponential power.

Effulgent—You now can shine—as the brilliantly radiant being you naturally are. **L**iberated—You are now at choice, free to wield your intentions into manifestation.

Apply this formula toward your waking life and dream characters (or situations) you most deeply F.E.A.R. As you do this you’ll transform this energy that drains your life into F.U.E.L. that enlivens, awakens, and puts a gale force beneath your wings.

Contemplate the following questions:

- What is your greatest fear?
- Since the fear of failure is one of people’s greatest fears, imagine if you fail at your project, how will you recover?
- If you succeed with your project, what would be possible?
- How would you operate if you knew you could not fail—if success was guaranteed?
- How powerful would you feel if you transformed your fear into fuel for your project?
- What would you do, create, or become if all your available energy was free to be used creatively, in a way that was truly life enhancing?

“Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.”

~Helen Keller

Here’s a video with another spin on turning fear to fuel: <http://tinyurl.com/fear2fuelYAP>

Action Plan/Homework



Practice turning your FEAR to FUEL with the most challenging aspects of your “Project” this month. **Share** this process with your teammates.

➤ **Vlog** (video blog) your experience with the program. Upload a minimum of one post per week to our [Facebook](#) group

(<https://www.facebook.com/Chime-In-The-Change-Is-Me-International-757333957689198/>)

➤ and our [YouTube](#) channel
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChCYgjseWkm9nzJ10DceYPw>)

In your vlog you might share...

- How you turned your FEAR to FUEL-a real life circumstance
- Your challenges, ahas, breakdowns, breakthroughs with your project
- Your thoughts about Sugata Mitra and the Hole in the Wall School
- How you are inspired by Jonathan Ellerby
- Someone inspiring from your group (and what they did)
- A noteworthy experience from the community you are serving

Alternative posts:

- Photos
- Blogs
- Relevant links
- Commenting on other Ambassador’s posts

Remember, you are sharing your story with the world. Your engagement encourages others to get involved.

Resource section:

- Watch the videos
- Scan the websites
- Read the books

Resources:

Books:

- **Man's Search for Meaning**
by Viktor Frankl
<http://www.amazon.com/Mans-Search-Meaning-Viktor-Frankl/dp/080701429X>
- **Beyond the Hole in the Wall: Discover the Power of Self-Organized Learning**
<http://tinyurl.com/HoleInTheWallSchoolYAP>

Websites:

- **Hole In the Wall School:**
<http://www.hole-in-the-wall.com/MIE.html>
- **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Carnival** <http://steamcarnival.com/>
- **Jonathan Ellerby, PhD:**
<http://www.jonathanellerby.com/>
- **Sri'ama Qala:**
<http://www.qalasriama.com> <http://www.qalasriama.com/>

Videos:

- **Sugata Mitra-Hole in the Wall School**
<http://tinyurl.com/HOleInTheWallYAP>
- **Turning Fear Into Fuel: Jonathan Fields at TEDxCMU 2010**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkFRwhJEOos>
- **Boys of Baraka**
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